



Red Hall Primary School Newsletter – January 2024

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Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a restful break!

Dear Families.

Children have returned to school so well and with such wonderfully positive attitudes – well done to our new Nursery intake who have just started their learning journey with us. We can't wait to get to know you.

We have started the term off with great excitement with 30 pupils attending Young Voices at Resorts World Arena. The children were brilliantly behaved and were so full of the excitement of the event and taking part in such a superb production. Well done to all of you. Thank you, Mrs Martin, for organising this.

Mrs Shinton will soon be leaving us to have her baby. We wish her all the very best and look forward to updating you.

At our recent INSET day, we received training on **Food Allergies and Intolerances**. This means that we would ask for your help and support when sending in food items to school:

- Birthday celebrations: it is lovely that you want to extend the happiness of a birthday by providing sweets for other children. We cannot distribute cake as the ingredients need to be placed on each cake. We will only hand out pre-wrapped sweets that clearly have the ingredients labelled on them. It will be up to parents to decide whether their child can or can't eat them. Children won't eat them in school.
- Grapes and cherry tomatoes should be cut into quarters for under 5 year olds if in packed lunches. Apples should be cut into small segments and then cut again. The Food Standard Agency has recently updated their advice. This is due to the choking hazard for our youngest children.
- We are a NUT free school. We have further children who have this life-threatening allergy and so we ask for your continued support with this. Any foods that we know have nuts within them we will return to you.
- If your child's medical needs change related to food allergies or intolerances, please let us know so that we can ensure the correct procedures are in place to keep your child safe.

Within this newsletter are the updated dates for the term.

As a reminder, the school website has the calendar kept updated and weekly reminders are sent on a Sunday on our Facebook page and via the School Life App.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our events soon.

Warmest regards,
Mrs Tomlinson



**WAS YOUR CHILD BORN BETWEEN 1
SEPTEMBER 2019 & 31 AUGUST 2020?
APPLY FOR A RECEPTION
PLACE NOW!**

*The Deadline for
applying for your child's
school place is 15
January 2024 at
11:59pm.*

Apply Online at

[https://www.dudley.gov.
uk/admissions](https://www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions)

Paper copies of the
application pack can also be
collected from the school
office

More Information

-  0300 555 2345
-  www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions
-  admissions.cs@dudley.gov.uk



Tuesday 23rd January 2.30pm – 3.15pm

**Workshop on Online Safety Awareness to support your
child/ren.**

**You are invited to this FREE workshop at Red Hall Primary
School.**

The Online world and the offline world are connected and an important part of our children's life.

There should be no difference between how we act, (behave) online, compared to how we interact (behave), face to face. Unfortunately, we know that some children and adults, do not always adopt this principle and will engage in risky online behaviours that have consequences; some of these consequences impacting on their future life experiences.

This Online Safety Awareness session is an opportunity, for parents and carers, to consider how we can together, work towards the safe and responsible use of technology. We will explore how we can help keep our children safe and focus on some of the 'trending' applications used by children. There will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and share what works well within the family setting.

Dudley Catering Service, who provide our School Dinners for the children, will be terminating their service from April 2024 across all Dudley Schools. This means that we will be changing our provider to **Shire Catering**. This will be taking place after February half-term. We will update you on what these changes mean for you and your child soon. Staffing will remain the same as they will move to work for Shire Catering Team.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM DATES

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| Nursery | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22nd March: Teddy Bear’s picnic 11am and 1.30pm |
| Reception | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 22nd January: Fire Service visit school• 31st January 2.30pm: Monster Phonics Reading and Share Session• 18th March visit to the church |
| Year 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12th Jan: Bring your special book to school for introduction to RE Special Book topic.• 15th Jan: Bring your teddy to school for introduction to history of bears.• 17th Jan: Winter Walk – wear warm clothes and waterproof footwear for our walk in the local area. |
| Year 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 21st Jan: Dudley Castle trip• 20th March: Kings and Queens Day – more details will follow. |
| Year 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7th Feb: Dudley School Maths Championship. A group of children will be taken to participate. |
| Year 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24th Jan 2.30pm: Multiplication and Times Table Workshop (in KS1 halls) This will be with your child.• 7th Feb: Dudley School Maths Championship. A group of children will be taken to participate.• 23rd Feb: Walk Like an Egyptian Day• 13th March 2.30pm: Science Workshop with your child |
| Year 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 23rd Feb: Visit to Buddhist temple |
| Year 6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12th March: Visit to Shrewsbury Prison – link to Crime and Punishment history unit |
| Whole School | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15th January: DEADLINE for filling out your application for Reception places September 2024• 16th January: Attendance Reward Event – invites to follow.• 19th January: Sandwell Diving team – workshops with Y1- Y6• w.c. 22nd Jan: School Book Fair in KS1 hall for the whole week• 22nd January: Spelling Bee Challenge for Y1 to Y6• 23rd January: Online Safety Awareness event for parents/carers 2.30pm• w.c. 29th Jan: National Story-telling Week• 2nd Feb: Cross country event for group of children• w.c. 5th February: Children’s Mental Health Week• 9th February: BREAK UP FOR Half-term.• 19th Feb: INSET DAY• Tuesday 20th February: Children return to school.• 26th February: Attendance Reward Event• 28th + 29th February: Progress Meeting Evenings• 7th March: World Book Day• w.c. 11th March: British Science Week• 15th March: Wellbeing Day with Kindness Café. Children can “dress to express”.• 22nd March: BREAK UP for Easter 2pm• 8th April: Children return to school |